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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated March 28, 2002. Claims 1-10, 15-32, 34-37, 40-44 and 50-58 are currently under examination. A request for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response thereby extending the time from June 28, 2002 to July 28, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 50, 54, and 57 as follows.

50 (Amended) A purified polynucleotide having a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:1-3, ^{the} complements of SEQ ID NOS:1-3, SEQ ID NO:9, ^{the} complement of SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NOS:14-16, and ^{the} complements of SEQ ID NOS:14-16. *G*

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